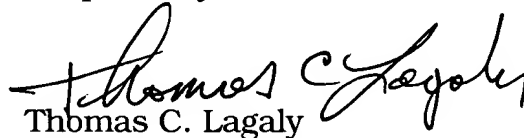


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-17 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-14 are hereby canceled. Claims 4, 7, 15, and 18-19 were previously canceled.

In the Office Action, claims 16-17 are indicated to be allowable. In view of the present cancellation of all other claims, with only claims 16-17 remaining, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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